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SUBJECT: LETTER WARNING OF A PLOT TO ATTACK JEWS AND
AMERICANS IN THE NETHERLANDS ALLEGED IN ANONYMOUS LETTER

Classified By: RSO THE HAGUE JOHN HUCKE, REASONS 1.5 (C) AND (D)

[1](#)1. (SBU) RSO The Hague was contacted by the Security Officer for the Israeli Embassy who advised a letter reporting a threat had come to him. He offered that the writer was informing on someone else. The letter was forwarded by fax.

[1](#)2. (SBU) the letter is in Dutch and was translated by the Sr. FSNI. The letter identifies a young Moroccan individual (Bilall Essarsi, Djakkartaterras 9, 4th floor, postal code 1094 DA in Amsterdam, mobile (phone) number 06 26628115) in Amsterdam as someone who sought funding in order to buy weapons, hand grenades and time bombs to make an attack in the Netherlands, an attack on an important target where Jews and Americans work. The FSNI characterized the Dutch as that of a not well educated native speaker, certainly not a Dutch high school graduate. The FSNI felt the use of Dutch as consistent with the claimed identity of the writer as a Moroccan living in the Netherlands.

[1](#)3. (SBU) TEXT

To Amsterdam Police
Section: Intelligence Service
Or to AIVD
Very Confidential Information

I am a representative of ALLA and spiritual caretaker of Moroccans in The Netherlands. I am working for one of the Holy Mosques in the Netherlands.

At the moment I am operating as a secret spiritual caretaker in the Dutch Society of Moroccans. I am very well up to date about who wants to work under the terrorists in the Netherlands.

Eight or nine days ago I was approached by a young Moroccan who said that he needed money in the amount of 6,000 Euros. I asked him what he was about to do with the money. He said that currently he is preparing underground activities in The Netherlands. Namely he needed the money to buy weapons, hand grenades and time-bombs. He along with young Moroccans wants to commit an attack in The Netherlands. I asked him whether he is a student or is working somewhere. He said that he is a student. Also he stated that he has lot of contacts with Moroccan youngsters who think like him and also wanted to become a member of Al-Qaeda. Furthermore I asked him, where and what place he has selected for the attack.

He did not want to say that. He said, that he has a very important target in mind where Jews and Americans work. He did not want to say anything else other than just the money. I told him that he would get an amount from me in September [1](#)2004.

He has left behind his name, address and telephone number. His name is Bilall Essarsi, living at Djakkartaterras 9, 4th floor, postal code 1094 DA in Amsterdam...Mobile number 06 [1](#)26628115.

In the name of ALLA, I am a honest Muslim and Moroccan. That is way I report this person to the police and the Intelligence service of The Netherlands.

My advice will be that this person cannot freely move around in The Netherlands.

ALLA hoe AKBAR

To Israeli Ambassador
Attention of Mosaad
Buitenhof 47
2513 AH The Hague

Valuable information

4, (SBU) After translating the letter the FSNI was directed to call the Regional Intelligence Division RID) and inform them that we had received a copy of a letter containing possible threat information. He was directed not tell RID where we got the letter but did report that the letter had

reportedly been delivered to the Amsterdam Police and the Dutch National Internal Security Service known by the Dutch acronym AIVD. The RID acknowledged there was an official police investigation into the letter and the allegation and assured us we would be advised when the matter was resolved. This is the standard police response, once an investigation begins the Police and privacy laws restrict the dissemination of law enforcement information.

15. (SBU) During a follow up call to the Israeli Security Officer RSO learned that the letter came to the embassy today in the Dutch mail and the lack of a return address caused them to handle the letter as suspicious. Once it was examined and determined to not be a physical threat it was open and translated by a local employee. The envelope bore an Amsterdam postmark of 11 Aug. 04. The police were informed of the letter and a copy was faxed to the Regional Intelligence Division of The Hague Police. The Israeli Security Officer had opened the letter by the end, preserving the seal for possible DNA collection and the inside of the flap for fingerprint examination. The Police responded later in the afternoon and collected the original and the envelope. At that time the Police Officer advised the Israeli Security Officer that the person named in the letter was known to the Amsterdam Police as a "petty criminal". According to the same Police Officer the Police in Amsterdam were not aware of the letter when he queried them.

16. (SBU) The creditability of the information and the motives of the anonymous source are unknown. The Israeli Security Officer was mildly surprised there was no mention of Israelis or the Israeli Embassy as a target even though a copy of the letter was sent to the Israeli Embassy. He wondered if this was an attempt to "get someone in trouble by falsely accusing them of plotting terror". While that is a possible motive the existence a good citizen or a person planning to seek a reward later can not be totally discounted. The writer did say he told the suspect he'd be given money in September, postponing involvement and suggesting a plot, if there truly is one, is not yet operational. The purported target is where "Jews and Americans work". The Israeli Security Officer stated he would have shared any similar letter regardless, but when he considered Jews and Americans as one target in the same location, only two locations came to mind, the American Embassy and the American School of The Hague which is attended by children from both the American and Israeli Embassies.

17. (S/NF) A copy of the letter in Dutch along with the RSO Office translation were provided to ORCA for traces and reporting in their channels. RSO advised the TERREP report would be in State channels. ORCA advised they would contact the liaison service, AIVD, to insure that they in fact had been informed of the letter and to seek information. Information exchange in "intelligence channels" available to ORCA is much less restricted than information exchange to the RSO in Police channels. Unauthorized disclosure of "Police Information" can subject a Police Officer to personal legal sanction, civil and criminal.

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